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FOREWORD

The studies contained in this volume were prepared at the request of the President's Air Policy Commission. They form the second part of a survey covering the policy aspects of transportation in eleven selected countries. The portion of the project previously submitted covered civil aviation, as well as a study on military aviation which pertained solely to the [REDACTED] and the USSR. The President's Air Policy Commission has desired to obtain information on transportation policies and procedures within countries which collectively present the widest possible range of political, economic and geographical background.

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In order to maintain uniformity in preparation, the information was collected on the basis of a questionnaire, of which a copy is bound at the end of the volume. The questionnaire may be opened at the side of the volume and used concurrently in examining the individual reports. It has been accordingly unnecessary to repeat the individual questions in the body of the reports. Omission in any report of an item included in the questionnaire indicates that the question was inapplicable to the respective country or that satisfactory information is unavailable.

Other agencies have assisted Central Intelligence Agency in collection of data in the second project of this survey. The Department of State instructed several US diplomatic missions in foreign capitals to prepare studies covering the countries for which they were respectively responsible. This information was supplemented by additional data prepared in the Department of State. The Department of Commerce prepared a study covering the USSR and facilitated arrangements with the Department of State for the data secured from abroad. The Library of Congress prepared a study on pre-war Germany.

Central Intelligence Agency has supplemented this data with additional information available from other sources. The opinions expressed in this study therefore do not necessarily reflect the views of agencies other than Central Intelligence Agency.

A general analysis of the survey has been prepared by Central Intelligence Agency and placed as the first document in this volume. It gives certain conclusions which can be drawn after an analysis of the individual studies.

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